

Torrance, California  
July 19, 1955

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on July 19, 1955, at 5:30 p.m., Mayor Isen presiding.

Those responding to roll call vote by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Schwab and Isen. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Harry Van Bellehem led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Schwab opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regular meeting held July 12, 1955, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place fixed for the opening of bids for motor vehicles for the Water Department.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication relative to the Notice to Bidders, and Mayor Isen ordered it filed.

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the following bids:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
Paul's Chevrolet	1	\$4088.74
Backlund's	1	4200.00
Backlund's	2	3850.00
Backlund's	3	1686.40
Backlund's	4	1145.00
Oscar Maples, Inc.	1	4088.74
Oscar Maples, Inc.	2	6265.00
GarWood Industries, Inc.	4	915.20
K & K Body Works	3	573.71 ea.
American Equipment & Body Company	3	1500.00 ea.
The Jumbo Equipment Company	3	635.00 ea.
Win Ward	3	630.25 ea.
Win Ward	5	4625.00
Smith Booth Usher Company	5	4135.00

Councilman Schwab moved the bids be referred to the City Manager and Water Superintendent for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT-Award of Contract.

The Engineer presented his analysis of the sealed Proposals submitted to him for study and report, naming S. A. Cummings as the lowest responsible bidder in the sum of \$11,288.60, and recommending that the contract be awarded to S. A. Cummings.

Councilman Blount moved that the Engineer's analysis and recommendation be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Engineer then presented Resolution No. 2782 of Award of Contract entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2782

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO 1783.33 FEET EASTERLY THEREOF, AND ITS INTERSECTION WITH CERTAIN OTHER STREETS, IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER, CONCRETE CROSS GUTTER, CURB RETURN, AND SIDEWALK, AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SAID AWARD.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2782. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

239th STREET SEWER DISTRICT-Award of Contract.

The Engineer presented his analysis of the sealed Proposals submitted to him for analysis and report naming Wucetich Construction as the lowest responsible bidder in the sum of \$22,393.18 and recommended that the contract be awarded to Wucetich Construction.

Councilman Drale moved that the Engineers analysis and recommendation be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Engineer then presented Resolution No. 2783 entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2783

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF 239th STREET AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS AND EASEMENT IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE 239th STREET SEWER DISTRICT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SAID AWARD.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2783. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

In connection with the rabies ordinance Mayor Isen requested City Manager Stevens to inquire whether the South Bay Humane Society would furnish optional services at a specific rate.

City Attorney Hall advised this could not be included in the ordinance but could be handled by contract.

City Manager Stevens stated he would check with the South Bay Humane Society regarding this matter.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Communication from Attorney Gordon Stater protesting awarding of contract for the Civic Center to R. E. Payne, Inc.

City Attorney Hall said it was his opinion the objections to the bid are not well founded. He said the attorney is grasping at a particular provision in the Government Code which, first of all, does not apply to a chartered city, and our Charter does not contain restrictions insofar as sub-contractors, as classified by the attorney; and, secondly, Mr. Hall said he did not believe the Act reads the same way the attorney contends it does.

Mayor Isen requested City Attorney Hall to reply to Mr. Stater's letter.

Request of Redondo Stake Relief Society Presidency, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, for waiver of business license fee.

Councilman Drale moved the request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale requested City Clerk Bartlett to write the necessary letter and advise them that their request is denied as it is against the policy of the City Council.

Request of Torrance Area Youth Bands for waiver of the usual auditorium rental fee, for "Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant" to be held in the Civic Auditorium on Friday night, July 29th.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted, subject to the approval of the Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from Belva Detlof commending Police Officer "Buck" Ingram.

Councilman Benstead moved a copy of this letter be placed on the bulletin board in the Police Department and a copy sent to Officer Ingram. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Communication from the Civil Service Board requesting a room in the new City Hall for the Civil Service Board and its Secretary and where all the personnel records could be kept.

City Manager Stevens advised the Council there was a personnel section provided in the new City Hall.

Councilman Drale requested City Manager Stevens to write to the Board advising that there would be a room available for them.

Communication from Superintendent of Building Russell recommending approval of revised Fire Zone Ordinance as submitted by Fire Chief Benner.

As there were no objections, Mayor Isen referred the communication and proposed ordinance to City Attorney Hall and requested that his department put the ordinance in the proper form and then present it to the City Council.

Communication from Longren Aircraft Company, dated July 15, 1955, informing the Council of their plans regarding their Airport Industrial Lease.

Councilman Blount said he thought their option had expired. City Manager Stevens advised that a portion of their lease is included in the Nike site. Longren has submitted a plan in which they say they are most anxious to go ahead anyway. They have paid three years rent in advance. Mr. Stevens said their period for actually starting construction has gone past - it expired June 9th; however, they say they are most interested in going ahead, and he suggested that they keep the Council informed as to what they wanted to do.

Communication from the Los Angeles County Fair Association requesting permission to place banners across streets in Torrance.

Councilman Schwab moved the request be granted, subject to restrictions as established by City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMAN: Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Blount.

#### RECREATION COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Concerning policies prepared by Mr. Van Bellehem governing operation of Pitch and Putt Golf Course and Swimming Pool.

2. Recommendations re: acceptance of Walker and Murphy bid for construction of Swimming Pool.

3. Recommendations regarding bids for construction of Recreation Facilities.

Mayor Isen ordered all three above communications filed as they will be taken care of under the recommendations of City Manager Stevens.

9. Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

#### PERSONNEL:

1. Beverly J. Whitney was promoted to Account Clerk in the Engineering Department, effective July 16, 1955, at the second salary step. (Selected from eligible list)

2. The following personnel were promoted to Power Equipment Operator II in the Street Department, effective July 1, 1955, at the first salary step:

- (a) Elton R. Russell
- (b) James L. Dunmyer

These men have successfully passed a promotional examination.

3. The following personnel were promoted to Truck Drivers in the Street Department, effective July 1, 1955, at the first salary step:

- (a) William Volmerding
- (b) Joseph J. Golias
- (c) Richard E. Newby
- (d) Joe Lopez

These men have successfully passed a promotional examination.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, Items 1, 2 and 3 under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during the month of June, 1955, the sum of \$1,353.60.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 1, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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AWARD OF BIDS:1. City Hall and Police Station:

- (a) That the bid of R. E. Payne, Inc., in the amount of \$519,500, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and that all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- (b) That the bid for Alternate "A" (heat and glare resistant glass in the lobby) in the amount of \$470.00, submitted by R. E. Payne, Inc., also be accepted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 1 (b), and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- (c) That the bid of Columbia Showcase and Cabinet Company for case work, in the amount of \$28,793.00, being the lowest responsible complete bid, in accordance with plans and specifications, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 1 (c). Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- (d) That all bids for seating in the Council Chambers be rejected and that bids be taken at a later date.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 1 (d). Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Bathhouse and Swimming Pool:

That the bid of Walker and Murphy, in the amount of \$243,785.00, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 2. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Parks and Recreation Buildings:

- (a) That the bid of Albert F. Anderson, outlined as indicated below, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected:

Bid No. 1, El Retiro, \$9,495.00

Bid No. 3, Seaside, \$53,155.00

Alternate "B", \$2,360.34

Bid No. 4, Walteria, \$36,871.00

Alternate "C", \$1,911.64

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, Item 3 (a). Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- (b) That the bid of E. I. Noxon Construction Company for Bid No. 2, McMaster, in the amount of \$32,841.00, plus Alternate "A", \$2,545.00, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid for McMaster Park and all other bids, excepting that of Albert F. Anderson, be rejected.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 3 (b). Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. Recommendation of City Manager Stevens:

- (a) That the payment for the collection of garbage and non-combustible refuse be at the rate of \$5,251.31 per month, effective July 1, 1955.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 10 (a). Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

It is recommended that funds be transferred to the City General Fund as listed below, effective July 20, 1955:

Municipal Water District No. 3 .....	\$150,000.00
Parks and Recreation .....	60,000.00
Airport .....	15,000.00
County Aid .....	15,000.00
Library .....	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total	\$255,000.00

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, Item 11. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication from the Airport Commission recommending that the request of Vegas Air, Inc., to lease the parcel of land 200' x 200' adjacent to and northerly of the property covered by their present lease, be granted, subject to 6 conditions as set forth in their communication addressed to the City Council dated July 1, 1955.

This matter was held over from the Council meetings of July 5, and July 12, 1955.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication incorporated into the minutes by reference.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens for his recommendation.

City Manager Stevens said he could not recommend this as he did not think it was in the best interests of the City. He stated we would be taking 5 receiver sets and a transmitter in lieu of \$60,000.00 rental. Also, we would be permitting another petroleum lease on the airport which he did not think the City had a right to do under the terms of the Master Lease. Mr. Stevens stated he did not think this was in the best interests of the City and would recommend the lease be denied.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

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## ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. PLANNING COMMISSION CASES 348 and 349. At the City Council meeting held July 12th, the date set for the third and final hearing before the City Council on the subject cases was July 26, 1955. This will not be possible, as that does not allow time to publish the notice ten days before the hearing. It has been suggested that the date of the hearings be set for August 9, 1955.

Mayor Isen set the date of August 9, 1955, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, as the date, time and place for the third and final hearing on Planning Commission Cases 348 and 349.

2. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 351, application of Edison Securities Company for a Change of Zone from R-1 to C-1 on the South side of Sepulveda Blvd., at Madrona Avenue and paralleling the East side of the AT&SF RR Company right-of-way.

Mayor Isen set the date of August 9, 1955, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, as the date, time and place for the third and final hearing on Planning Commission Case No. 351.

2. Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, dated July 15, 1955, Re: Vacation - Portion Palos Verdes Blvd., Tr. 10300:

"At your meeting of May 17, 1955, you referred the Vacationing of Palos Verdes Boulevard in Tract 10300 back to the Planning Commission for a study of the proposed widening of the alley westerly of Palos Verdes Boulevard.

"At a meeting of the Planning Commission held on July 6, 1955, they recommended that this portion of Palos Verdes Boulevard in Tract 10300 lying between Via Monte'd'Oro and Pacific Coast Highway be vacated, that the people be asked to grant an additional 30 Ft. for the alley, and that the relocation of the gas line be made at no expense to the City.

"A copy of my letter of July 6, 1955, to the Planning Commission and a sketch showing the proposed vacationing and widening is submitted herewith."

Mayor Isen ordered the letter of July 6, 1955, and the sketch referred to, incorporated into the minutes by reference.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the Vacationing of Palos Verdes Boulevard in Tract 10300. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

## REPORTS:

1. Report from City Engineer Bishop regarding request of Rose Sutton for removal of fifty-seven feet of curb.

City Engineer Bishop reported that this involves off-street parking for 7 cars, to extend across the parkway to the flow line of the gutter throughout this 57 feet. From an engineering standpoint and after checking with the City Attorney, City Engineer Bishop recommended against this request being allowed.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Engineer Bishop. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

2. Report from Deputy City Attorney Remelmeyer regarding pro-rated business license fees.

Mayor Isen ordered the report filed.

3. Report from Deputy City Attorney Remelmeyer regarding signs in residential districts prior to 1953.

Mayor Isen ordered the report filed.

Mayor Isen requested City Attorney Hall to give a written opinion as to whether a business prior to the amended ordinance would be entitled to have the sign now.

4. Report from H. B. Van Bellehem covering Study of 190th Street Sump.

The City Council commended Mr. Van Bellehem for his excellent study and report of this matter.

The Council indicated they wished to further study this report so no action was taken. Mayor Isen requested that the Recreation Commission be furnished copies of this study.

5. Recommendation of City Manager Stevens:

"Mr. R. J. Deininger has offered to give the City a twenty-foot easement to widen Madrona Avenue between Eldorado Street and the new subdivision currently under construction southerly therefrom. In consideration for the easement, Mr. Deininger asks that the City pave that portion of the easement which is to be used for roadway purposes, and that the soil taken from the easement be dumped on his property.

"I recommend that the City accept the easement and that in consideration therefor the roadway portion of the easement be paved, and that the soil taken from the easement be placed on the abutting lot and left in a level condition. This policy has been followed by the City on similar transactions."

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2784

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR ADVERTISING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE HERALD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1955-1956.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2784. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2785

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE SAID CITY OF CERTAIN PRIVATELY OWNED WATER FACILITIES AND EASEMENTS IN THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE IDENTIFIED AS TRACT NO. 16701; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Schwab moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2785. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2786

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE SAID CITY OF CERTAIN PRIVATELY OWNED WATER FACILITIES AND EASEMENTS IN THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE IDENTIFIED AS TRACT NO. 21588; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2786. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2787

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2781.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2787. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2788

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GIVING NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND CODIFYING THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INTO A "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE" AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2788. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 759

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612 TO PROVIDE FOR THE GRANTING OF WAIVERS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 759 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Two drafts of proposed ordinances providing for the regulation of oil wells. One prepared by the City Attorney's Office and one prepared by Mr. Donald Hitchcock for the oil producers.

Mayor Isen stated that as these ordinances had just been handed to the Council they would like time to study them. He requested that copies be furnished to Mr. Hitchcock.

Mayor Isen requested these ordinances be placed on the Agenda for the pre-Council meeting, 5:00 p.m., August 2, 1955.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reported he had received a reply from the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census. They state that based on a population of 65,000 the cost would be \$9580.00, the City is to supply them with 12 maps of the City, also, at this time a check in the amount of \$3380.00. Mr. Stevens stated the return to the City will be approximately \$100,000.00 the first year and more thereafter. City Manager Stevens recommended the Council have the census taken and that the check in the amount of \$3380.00 be forwarded immediately.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens recommended that Robert Waddell be employed to do auditing on our sales tax and possibly in the future on the use tax, and that the salary be set at \$25.00 per day, temporary employment only.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall said that Deputy City Attorney Remelmeyer wishes the Council's permission to take military leave, from July 25 to August 7, 1955.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered.

City Attorney Hall advised the Council that two Resolutions had been passed tonight authorizing condemnation suits, possible water easements in one tract and water facilities and water easements in another tract. He advised also that there is pending a condemnation action which also relates to possibly what Moneta owns. He stated that in each of these cases we have to have an appraisal--and that costs money. Mr. Hall stated the Council had previously authorized him to engage Mr. Montgomery, who is presently making an appraisal on the one parcel. Mr. Hall said he brought this up to see if the Council wanted him, or Mr. Stevens, to explore as to what Mr. Montgomery would charge to make a complete survey of Moneta.

After a general discussion, Mayor Isen requested City Manager Stevens and Water Supt. McVicar to negotiate with Mr. Montgomery as to what his fees would be for all the parcels.

Councilman Benstead said he was very disturbed at the way the subdividers are pulling out trees in many new sub-divisions.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding this matter after which Councilman Benstead moved the City Attorney notify these people that they have to pay for every tree they took out without authorization of this Body. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Schwab.

Councilman Blount moved the City Council authorize the City Manager to have made a survey of the property that is presently being operated by the Torrance Sand and Gravel Corporation to line out the limits of where they are and where they are not. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab.

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Mayor Isen moved to table the motion until the City Manager provides an estimate of the cost, that this estimate be presented to the Council not later than two weeks from tonight. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount said that he noticed in the minutes of the last meeting that Case No. 352 was to appear on the Agenda tonight.

City Manager Stevens presented Case No. 352.

Planning Commission Case No. 352: Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending disapproval of Case No. 352, application for Variance submitted by Houske-Carpenter to permit rearranging of parking facilities.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in denying Case No. 352. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Isen.

Councilman Drale stated that the Pacific Electric has repaved some of the intersections on Sartori and he thought a letter of thanks should be sent to them.

Mayor Isen requested City Attorney Hall to write the appropriate letter.

Mayor Isen referred to the matter of the City of Manhattan Beach inviting other Bay cities to resist the proposed change in the sewage treatment. As there were no objections, Mayor Isen requested City Attorney Hall to file a written protest before July 21st and to attend the meeting to be held July 28th, and that the records expressly show that the City of Torrance is assuming no liability, financial or otherwise, at this time.

Mr. Schoonover and Mr. Robinson protested about the Madison Street ditch. They stated the City Engineer had been authorized by the City Council to make a survey of this ditch.

City Engineer Bishop stated this was a very large project, running into substantial sums of money, to fix this ditch the way the residents wanted it. He stated the County has made a study of this matter but as yet he has been unable to get a copy of their report.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding this drainage problem, after which Mayor Isen requested City Engineer Bishop to try and secure a copy of the County report and to supply the residents in this area with the information.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 7:20 p.m., Councilman Benstead moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance